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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner dated October 6, 2004, finally rejecting claims 1-15. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(b), the fee for this Notice of Appeal is \$500.00.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the appeal fee to applicants' attorneys' American Express account. Form 2038 is attached for that purpose. The Commissioner also is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-3140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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